

HONORING WORLD WAR II VETERAN, ORLANDO MARTORANI, AS HE CELEBRATES HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. WILLIAM L. ENYART

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Mr. ENYART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Orlando Martorani a Happy Birthday as he turns 100 years old on October 19, 2014.

Orlando Pedro Martorani was born October 19, 1914 in Bayamon, Puerto Rico. He began a career as a bookkeeper and married Mercedes Delgado Garcia in San Juan, Puerto Rico on December 14, 1941, exactly one week after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Orlando and Mercedes began their life in Puerto Rico and their first child, their daughter, Gilda, was born in 1942. In December of 1943, Orlando answered the call to military service, joining the U.S. Army as a member of the Coastal Artillery Corps.

The Coastal Artillery Corps was responsible for the defense of the coasts and harbors of the United States during the first half of the 20th Century. As a member of that corps, Orlando was briefly assigned to duty in Inglewood and San Diego, California before being stationed in Panama, guarding the Panama Canal. He also would be stationed in Boston, Massachusetts to guard German Prisoners of War.

On being discharged in February of 1946, Orlando returned to his life in Puerto Rico where he and Mercedes raised their family. After retiring in 1980, Orlando and Mercedes came to live in Murphysboro, Illinois.

A short-wave radio enthusiast, Orlando is also a Chicago Cubs fan and, even though he has been waiting 100 years, he still has hopes of seeing the Cubs win a World Series in his lifetime.

Orlando cared for Mercedes until she passed away in 2003. He has two children, Gilda and a son, Orlando, who is also a U.S. Army veteran who served in Vietnam. He also has six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Orlando Martorani a Happy 100th Birthday and wishing him all the best in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 480, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING THE HONOREES OF THE MAINE WOMEN'S LOBBY GALA

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Honorees of the 2014 Maine

Women's Lobby Gala: The Voice of Maine Women—Loud and Clear. The Maine Women's Lobby works tirelessly to increase opportunities for women and girls in Maine and to ensure that they are protected from violence and discrimination through education and advocacy.

The Maine Women's Lobby Gala celebrates the power of Maine women and honors five inspirational female leaders in the state. These women have demonstrated a commitment to furthering the lives of Maine women through work in civil rights, economic security, health care, violence prevention, and more.

This year's award recipients are Mary J. Herman, Cheryl Miller, Maine Attorney General Janet Mills, Zam Zam Mohamud, and Abbie Strout. Mary J. Herman, one of the earliest lobbyists for the Maine Women's Lobby, is the recipient of the Liz Crandall Spirit Award for her continued volunteer work and philanthropy in the state. Cheryl Miller is the recipient of the Catalyst Award for fostering economic growth and building community as the head of the Maine Development Foundation's Leadership Maine Program. Maine Attorney General Janet Mills is the recipient of the Trailblazer Award for setting an example for women in Maine politics as the state's first female District Attorney and Attorney General. Zam Zam Mohamud will receive the Community Power Award as the first Somali woman in Maine to run for public office and for being a dedicated leader in her community. Abbie Strout is the recipient of the Spark! Award for her work as a tireless women's health activist with the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center.

Through their leadership and incredible commitment to their communities, these recipients improve the lives of Maine women today and serve as inspiring role models for our young girls.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in congratulating the honorees of the Maine Women's Lobby Gala on their outstanding service and achievement.

HONORING KATHLEEN A. MILLISON

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kathleen A. Millison, City Manager for the City of Santa Rosa, upon her retirement.

Ms. Millison's four years as City Manager in Santa Rosa cap off a career of more than 35 years in public service. Before she brought her talents to Santa Rosa, Ms. Millison served the City of Clovis as City Manager for almost 20 years and previously held the position of Assistant City Manager for Clovis. Before settling in California, Ms. Millison served as an Assistant City Manager, Planning Director and Assistant Planner for multiple communities throughout Washington and Oregon.

During her time serving the City of Santa Rosa, Ms. Millison is credited for countless improvements in our community that will benefit residents for years to come. For instance, Ms. Millison worked to create guidelines for managing community growth. She improved public

utilities and community amenities while also working diligently to create a stronger, more robust and inviting local economy.

In addition to her work for the city, Ms. Millison served as a board chair of the California Association of Local Economic Development, a member of the board of directors of the Institute for Local Government, and is a past president of the City Manager's Department of the League of California Cities. In recent years, Ms. Millison has been involved in local leadership as well, particularly with public school foundations, local history associations and regional economic development associations. Her fellow community members have recognized her for this work with numerous awards.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor and thank Ms. Millison for her invaluable service to the City of Santa Rosa. Her unyielding dedication to protecting and improving our community is greatly appreciated by the entire Santa Rosa community and we wish her a most enjoyable retirement.

HONORING BLUEFIELD, VIRGINIA'S GRAHAM HIGH SCHOOL

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks today in honor of Bluefield, Virginia's Graham High School, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

Graham High School was first established in 1914 as a secondary school, and thousands of students have graduated in the time that has passed since its doors first opened a century ago. Obviously, the students, staff, and the Graham High School building itself have changed over the last 100 years, but the school's tradition of excellence has remained constant.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating the students, faculty, and alumni of Graham High School on its 100th anniversary. As we note the school's great alumni and many championships including everything from football and basketball to creative writing, may we also take a moment and reflect on what is yet to come. I congratulate Graham High School and the surrounding community on this exciting milestone, and look forward to many more great accomplishments from future Graham G-Men and G-Girls.

HONORING MUELLER & CO., LLP

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mueller & Co., LLP, a certified public accounting and business consulting firm with locations in Elgin and Chicago. Mueller & Co., LLP, which serves my constituents in the Sixth District, has been recognized as one of the best places to work in the State of Illinois.

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